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Impact of TPPA on FDI
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reiterated India"s strong belief and commitment towards multilateral trading system which is transparent, equitable and supports consensus based decisions as the Corporate India is worrying on account of Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA);
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flow to India has seen a sharp increase at around 38 per cent as against the global FDI flow which shows declining trend to 16 per cent; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) and (b): India is a strong supporter of multilateralism and has expressed its strong belief and commitment towards the multilateral trading system represented by the WTO on numerous occasions in the WTO meetings as well as in bilateral and other international foras like G20, BRICS etc. In the Plenary Session of the Tenth Ministerial Conference of the WTO in Nairobi in December 2015, India applauded the achievements of the WTO, and reiterated its commitment to strengthening it further. India also stated that "an open, non-discriminatory and inclusive multilateral trading system contributes to maximizing gains for all its Members. Plurilateral approaches by definition impinge on the multilateral trading system and cannot be a substitute for it. It is important that such arrangements complement, and not segment, the multilateral trading system."

(c) and (d): FDI flows into India over the period April 2014 to February 2015 were USD 28.81 billion. They increased by 30% to USD 37.53 billion during April 2015 to February, 2016.

As per UNCTAD(United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) World Investment Report 2015, global FDI inflow in 2014 decline by 16% to USD 1.23 trillion from USD 1.47 trillion in 2013.
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